

HOUSE BILL 1014

By Brown

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 7, relative to after school
programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-705(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "grades seven through nine (7-9)" and by substituting instead the language "grades eight through eleven (8-11)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-705(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) Nine (9) pilot after school educational programs shall be established with three (3) programs in each grand division of the state. One (1) program in each grand division shall be in a rural area. One (1) program in each grand division shall be in a suburban area. The remaining program in each grand division shall be in an urban area. Each pilot program shall serve no more than sixty (60) students.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-705, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (g):

(g) As data becomes available from pilot after school programs, but no later than 2010, the department of education shall evaluate such programs and their outcomes to determine, based on best practice and research, whether the pilot programs are accomplishing the purposes set forth in subdivision (c)(1) and whether such programs should be expanded and replicated to serve additional at-risk students. Beginning with the first evaluation, the department shall thereafter conduct such evaluations annually. The department shall report its findings and conclusions each year to the governor, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and the education

committees of the senate and the house of representatives by the second Tuesday in January. Beginning with the first group of students, who have participated in a pilot after school program, to enter college, the Tennessee higher education commission shall study and evaluate lottery scholarship receipt and retention by such students. The Tennessee higher education commission shall annually report its findings and conclusions in the report required under § 49-4-903(b).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.